purchase of Hindi typewriter by the Department of Official Language in its Annual Hindi Programme?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) to (c) Due to the increase in use of Computers and keeping its utility in view, Ministry of Information Technology and its Subordinate Offices have not been purchasing typewriters for the past several years and only computers are being purchased. Since computers are language independent, it can be used for Hindi and other Indian languages through requisite software. Application software developed by various organisations/companies for working in Hindi and Indian languages on computer arc available in the market.

LT. Education

4180. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to levy cess on IT Firms for sponsoring IT education;

(b) if so, what are the details of the programme; and

(c) in what manner IT education would be sponsored and promoted?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Software Technology Parks

4181. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI : Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set-up Software Technology Parks in 25 States during the next 18 months;

(b) if so, the name of the States where the parks are to be set-up on priority basis; and

(c) the estimated cost of each park?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER